

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4 at line 11, to read as follows:

Referring to FIGURE 2, seal configuration 10 is adapted to contain internal pressure within body 12. Opening 14 in body 12 has inwardly tapered peripheral sidewalls 26. Closure 16 has an attachment portion 28 which is larger than the opening and has a planar surface 29 from which extends an axially projecting stopper portion 30 that is adapted to fit closely within opening 14. Axially projecting stopper portion 30 has an endless peripheral seal groove 32 extending in spaced relation around axially projecting stopper portion 30 in which is positioned a peripheral seal 34. Referring to FIGURE 3, peripheral seal 34 is adapted to sealingly engage inwardly tapered peripheral sidewalls 26 of body 12 in interference fit relation, thereby conforming to inwardly tapered peripheral sidewalls 26 as illustrated in FIGURE 4. Referring to FIGURE 2, a backing ring 36 of pliable memory retaining material (while being sufficiently stiff as to resist extrusion flow under pressure), is positioned between peripheral seal groove 32 and attachment portion 28 of closure 16 in close fitting relation around the projecting stopper portion 30. Referring to FIGURE 3, backing ring 36 engages inwardly tapered peripheral sidewalls 26 of body 12 in interference fit relation conforming to inwardly tapered peripheral sidewalls 26 as illustrated in FIGURE 4. Referring to FIGURE 5, as pressure 38 within body 12 increases, peripheral seal 34 begins to adapt. Pressure induced extrusion gaps 40 may appear between attachment portion 28 of closure 16 and body 12. Referring to FIGURE 6, peripheral seal 34 is pushed back against attachment portion 28 of closure 16 and backing ring 36. Referring to FIGURE 7, as further pressure 42 is applied, backing ring 36 responds by changing shape, transmitting sealing pressure 44 at potential extrusion gap 40.